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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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7 FEDERICO RODRIGUEZ,

Case No. 2:15-cv-02507-JCM-PAL

8 Plaintiff,

ORDER

9 v.

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

11 Defendants.

12 The court conducted a hearing on March 12, 2016, on the Motion for Leave to File a
13 Complaint in Intervention (Dkt. #10) filed by Sussex Insurance, fka Companion Property
14 Insurance Company. The motion was unopposed and the court granted the motion to intervene
15 directing Plaintiff in intervenor to separately file the proposed complaint in intervention which
16 was attached as an exhibit to the motion. During the hearing, counsel for the United States and
17 counsel for the Sussex advised the court that an attorney in Southern California purported to
18 represent the Plaintiff Rodriguez in this case, but had not yet made an appearance or filed an
19 application to proceed pro hac vice.

20 Mr. Rodriguez filed this action pro se. No attorney has made an appearance in this case
21 or filed an application to appear pro hac vice. However, counsel for the other parties advised the
22 court that Ralph M. Rios of Rios & Associates has contacted counsel indicating he has been
23 retained to represent the Plaintiff in this matter. It appears that Mr. Rios is an attorney practicing
24 in South Pasadena, California. He is not admitted in this court and has not applied to practice in
25 this case. LR IA 11-2 governs the procedures for admission to practice in a particular case. The
26 attorneys who have made an appearance in this case are placed in the difficult situation of
27 determining whether to communicate directly with Mr. Rodriguez, who has appeared pro se, or t
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1 through the lawyer claiming to represent him, attorney Ralph M. Rios who has not been admitted
2 or made an appearance.

3 Having reviewed and considered the matter,

4 **IT IS ORDERED** that:

- 5 1. Mr. Rodriguez has appeared pro se and is representing himself unless and until an
6 attorney makes an appearance in this case in accordance with the Local Rules of
7 Practice.
- 8 2. Neither Ralph M. Rios, nor any other attorney purporting to represent the Plaintiff,
9 who has not made an appearance in this case in accordance with the Local Rules of
10 Practice, shall not be recognized as counsel of record.
- 11 3. Counsel for the parties who have appeared and complied with the court's Local Rules
12 of Practice need not communicate with Mr. Rodriguez through an attorney who has
13 not made an appearance in this action, and may communicate directly with Mr.
14 Rodriguez.
- 15 4. If he has been retained and intends to represent Mr. Rodriguez, Ralph M. Rios shall
16 have until **June 20, 2016**, file an application to appear pro hac vice, and make an
17 appearance in compliance with the Local Rules of Practice.

18 DATED this 20th day of May, 2016.

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21 PEGGY A. LEEN
22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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